

BABE RUTH HITTING FOR 600—LEONARD SIGNS TO FIGHT MITCHELL—CLEVELAND TAKES THREE STRAIGHT FROM SOX—WEST VA. TWIRLER FANS 20, LOSES GAME 12 TO 1—GIANTS LOSE BUT HOLD FIRST PLACE—\$65,000 PITCHER LOSES TO TWO-CENT RECRUIT—LOCAL BOWLING

13 More Homers Smashed Out in Big League Games, 8 of Them in Pirates-Chicago Cubs Batting Bee

This Comes Within One of Equalling Record Set 29 Years Ago—Babe's Double in Ninth With Bases Full Wins For Yanks—Williams Gets Homer, Triple and Two Singles Against Dodgers—Giants Lose Their First.

New York, April 21.—It was home-run day in the major leagues yesterday, circuit smashing artists of the National annexing 9 of the drives while the Americans tallied 4.

Orgy of Circuit Clouds
The Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates staged a slugfest in which the Pirates finally walked the plank after the Cubs had walloped out six four base hits in a total of 8 for the game. Hartnett of Chicago sent over the winning run in the ninth with his second over the fence drive in the contest. Friberg of the Cubs also made a brace of homers the game's total was but one shy of the record of nine made 29 years ago.

Ruth Batting .600
Babe Ruth again aided the New York Yanks in maintaining a spotless standing when with the bases full in the ninth inning and one run behind he shot out a two bagger that sent the winning run over. The Boston Americans had maintained the lead from the first inning when three Red Sox scored. Ruth hit a single, a double and a triple and maintained his batting average of .600.

Giants Still In Front.
The Giants lost their first of the season but maintained their lead in the Nationals when the Boston Braves went on the warpath. Jack Bentley made his debut and was batted hard. The St. Louis Cardinals used every one but the bat boy to stay the onslaught of Cincinnati but the Reds put seven runs across in the fourth and won handsily.

Williams Hits Hard.
Philadelphia and Brooklyn staged another fast finish but the Phillies won out in the ninth. Williams of Philadelphia got four hits, two singles, a triple and a homer in five attempts. Cleveland made it three straight over the White Sox crowding over five runs in the seventh inning. Each team used four pitchers in the game that lasted nearly three hours.

The Philadelphia Athletics took Washington into camp for the third successive time.
First Hit A Homer.
The Browns won their first game of the season from Detroit. Durst, substituting at first for George Sisler, made his first hit of the season a four base drive. Van Gilder of St. Louis hurled his first game of the season. Ty Cobb featured at bat with three singles in four trials.

Three teams in the American are still undefeated: New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland, while the National leaders all of whom have lost one or more games are New York, Chicago and Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Giants Lose.
Boston, April 21.—Jack Bentley of the world's champion Giants made his National league debut yesterday afternoon in the box against Boston and was hit hard. Boston won, 9 to 2, making 13 hits for a total of 19 base hits.

New York.
Bancroft, ss. 4 1 2 3 5 6
Grech, 2b. 4 1 1 0 1 0
Frisch, 3b. 4 0 0 0 1 0
McConnell, cf. 4 0 0 0 1 0
Young, rf. 4 0 2 3 0 0
Kelly, 1b. 4 0 2 3 0 0
O'Connell, cf. 4 0 0 0 1 0
Gaston, c. 4 0 0 0 1 0
Bentley, p. 3 0 1 0 3 0
*E. Smith 1 0 0 0 0 0
35 2 8 24 12 1

Batted for Bentley in 9th.
Nixon, cf. 4 1 2 3 0 0
Southworth, 2b. 4 1 1 0 0 0
Boeckel, 3b. 4 1 1 0 0 0
McMinn, 1b. 4 0 1 14 0 0
Felix, 1b. 4 0 1 3 0 0
Conlon, 2b. 4 0 1 3 0 0
Ford, ss. 4 1 0 1 1 0
Kopf, ss. 4 0 0 0 1 0
Gowdy, c. 4 0 0 0 1 0
Genswiler, p. 4 2 2 0 4 0
38 9 12 28 15 3

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Genswiler, p. 4 2 2 0 4 0
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Phillies 8, Dodgers 7.
Brooklyn, April 21.—The Phillies won another hectic game from Brooklyn yesterday, this time, 8 to 7. Brooklyn overcame a three-run lead by bunting a triple, a double and two singles off Weinert in the fifth, driving him out of the box.

Philadelphia.
Rapp, 2b. 4 1 2 1 3 0
Holler, 3b. 4 2 1 2 0 0
Williams, cf. 4 1 1 1 0 0
Walker, 1b. 4 1 1 1 0 0
Lan, rf. 4 1 2 1 0 0
Sands, ss. 4 0 0 1 4 2
Parkinson, 2b. 4 0 1 3 0 0
Hawkins, c. 4 0 1 3 0 0
Weinert, p. 4 0 0 2 0 1
Winters, p. 4 1 0 1 0 0
39 8 14 27 15 3

Brooklyn.
Olson, 2b. 4 0 1 2 0 0
Johnson, ss. 4 2 3 2 0 0
T. Griffith, rf. 4 1 1 1 0 0
Wheat, 1b. 4 0 0 3 0 0
Schlatter, 3b. 4 0 0 1 0 0
Bailey, cf. 4 2 2 2 0 0
High, 2b. 4 1 1 3 0 0
Manning, c. 4 0 0 2 0 1
Shriver, p. 4 0 0 0 0 0
Deberry, p. 4 0 1 0 0 0

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THIRD BASE BIG PROBLEM FOR AMERICAN LEAGUERS

By Billy Evans.

Third base is going to be the big problem for practically every American league manager this year.

Ten years ago the American league was rich in third sackers. The life of the big league star is limited, however, and today finds third base a debatable position on most of the American league teams.

Frank Chance must solve it for his Boston Red Sox. No doubt Chance is banking on Norman McMillan, acquired from the New York Yankees to fill the bill.

McMillan is a likely looking youngster. Before New York secured him he went big with Rochester in the International league. McMillan has much ability at the bat and in the field. It is certain to improve his game. With the Yankees he realized he was doomed for some time to play substitute roles.

Tris Speaker is banking on Lutzke to replace the veteran Larry Gardner at third. The Cleveland recruit starred in the American association last year and seems to have a fine chance to make good.

Gardner Still Capable.
It might be added, however, that Larry Gardner is far from through, and that should anything upset Speaker's plans, the veteran will be able to step right in and play a most acceptable game at third.

The St. Louis Browns look like sure pennant contenders, yet third base is a real problem for Manager Fohl. It looks very much as if Fohl had the job of developing a recruit into the regular third sacker, as it is feared that Ellerbe's knees will not prove strong enough to stand the long grind.

Solving the third base problem for Washington is one of the tasks that confronts Donie Bush. Last year a half dozen players essayed to fill the position with indifferent success. Bush has much third base material and hopes to find a capable performer out of the army of talent on hand.

High Priced Recruits.
At the opening of the 1922 season the play of Bobby Jones at third for Detroit made it seem as if he had arrived. Then illness put a crimp in his play, forcing him out of the lineup. Fred Haney did so well as a substitute that he must be regarded as a contender for the job.

Connie Mack and Kid Gleason are to have two high priced recruits from the Pacific Coast league at third. Willie Kamm, the \$100,000 beauty, said to be one of the best infielders the coast has ever turned out, will play third for Chicago. Sammy Hale, who it is said cost Mack \$75,000, will be at third for the Athletics. Both are expected to deliver and help make the Sox and Athletics contenders.

The latest rumor is that Joe Dugan is to play second base for New York, and that Ward is to be shifted back to third, his original position. All of which makes it apparent that third base is a debatable point in the lineup of every American league club.

How They Line up in Four Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results.
Boston 9, New York 2.
Philadelphia 8, Brooklyn 7.
Cincinnati 10, St. Louis 2.
Chicago 12, Pittsburgh 11.

Standing of the Clubs
Won Lost P.C.
New York 4 1 .800
Chicago 3 1 .750
Philadelphia 2 2 .500
St. Louis 2 2 .500
Brooklyn 1 2 .333
Pittsburgh 1 3 .250
Boston 1 4 .200

Today's Games
New York at Brooklyn.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.
St. Louis at Chicago.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
New York 4, Boston 3.
Philadelphia 6, Washington 2.
St. Louis 5, Detroit 3.
Cleveland 3, Chicago 5.

Standing of the Clubs
Won Lost P.C.
New York 3 0 1.000
Philadelphia 3 0 1.000
Cleveland 2 0 1.000
Detroit 2 1 .667
St. Louis 1 2 .333
Boston 0 3 .000
Washington 0 3 .000
Chicago 0 3 .000

Today's Games
Boston at New York.
Washington at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Cleveland.
Detroit at St. Louis.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results
Reading 13, Buffalo 4.
Rochester 4, Newark 3.
Baltimore 5, Syracuse 7.
Toronto 5, Jersey City 2.

Standing of the Clubs
Won Lost P.C.
Rochester 3 0 1.000
Baltimore 2 0 1.000
Buffalo 2 1 .667
Jersey City 2 1 .667
Toronto 1 2 .333
Reading 0 2 .000
Syracuse 0 2 .000
Newark 0 2 .000

Games Today
Buffalo at Reading.
Rochester at Newark.
Toronto at Jersey City.
Syracuse at Baltimore.

Colombia buys most of its cereals and cereal products from the United States.



Three New Third Basemen for the American League. Left, Sammy Hale, for whom Conny Mack paid \$75,000 in cash and players. Center (above), Willie Kamm, Chicago's \$100,000 investment. (Below) Norman McMillan, new Boston third sacker. Right, Lutzke, bought by Cleveland from Kansas City.

CATCHER BASSLER WINS REGULAR JOB FIRST DAY

Detroit Backstop Not Only Is Good on Receiving End, But Also Wields a Mean Bat.

For quite a few years now Ray Schalk of the Chicago White Sox has been rated as the premier catcher in the American league. And rightly, too, for over a stretch of some 10 campaigns, "Little Ray" has displayed brilliant ability behind the bat.

Not far behind Schalk are Cy Perkins of the Athletics, "Hank" Severeld, Browns; Steve O'Neill, Cleveland, and Wally Schang, Yankees. All first class receivers and real assets to any club.

However, in picking star catchers, don't overlook Johnny Bassler of the Detroit Tigers, who, though he has been in the big show but two seasons is already being heralded as Schalk's most likely successor in back of the plate.

Brought to the Tigers from the Pacific coast by Ty Cobb in 1921, Bassler has showed remarkable improvement during the two years he has been in the majors, and many critics are of the opinion that he will be the circuit's leading catcher within the next two or three seasons. Some are even now acclaiming him as the smartest receiver in the junior loop.

And that's saying quite a little. When Bassler came to Detroit he turned a trick which is not very often put over by big league catchers nowadays. He broke in as the team's first-string receiver the initial day he appeared in a big league uniform.

It is not only behind the plate that Bassler stars. For he is known that Johnny is also a good hitter. In 1922 he led the catchers in this respect, clouting the old apple at a .323 clip. In fielding he ranked fourth with a percentage of .980 in 117 games.

The Chairman of The House Committee

"WE HAVE A FINE SET OF OFFICERS OF THE CLUB NOW."

"YOU BET, OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IS ESPECIALLY COMPETENT."

"SPRINKLING!?"

"YEP-STARTING TO RAIN."

"IT'S AN OUTRAGE."

"EVERY TIME I COME OUT HERE IT RAINS! SOMEBODY IS TO BLAME--LET'S TAKE IT UP WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE."

"YOU'RE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE I BELIEVE."

"I HAVE THAT HONOR YES."

"WE ARE DRENCHED WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN WARNED."

"WELL-IT'S RAINING ON THE COURSE."

"PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD? WELL THIS IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE I FIND THE DUTY OF CHAIRMAN A LITTLE TOO ARDUOUS FOR MY FADING HEALTH AND HEREWITH TENDER MY RESIGNATION--NO I WILL NOT RE-CONSIDER!"

TRACEY FERGUSON WINS

Meriden Battler Scores Technical Knockout Over Johnny Latzo in New London Bout.

New London, April 21.—Tracy Ferguson of Meriden, was awarded a technical knockout over Johnny Latzo of Bridgeport, last night, when the latter's seconds threw a towel into the ring at the beginning of the ninth round of the bout scheduled to go ten rounds. His work was highly pleasing, and he was given a big hand by the fans.

Frankie Quill, of Brockton, the collegiate battler, was given a draw, fighting Izzy Tanner, of St. Paul, in the star bout of 12 rounds.

The card was staged by the New London lodge of Elks, who conducted the bouts for the benefit of the Boy Scouts of the Whaling City.

Former Yale Twirler Is Given the Gate by Giants

Boston, April 21.—Jim Kernan, former Yale varsity catcher and one of the Giants' recruits this year has been released unconditionally. It is believed he will be sent to the Little Rock club of the Southern association. The Giants signed up Walter James, a right-handed pitcher, formerly with the Pacific Coast league. Fred Haman, a young pitcher, was turned over to the Pittsburgh club of the Eastern league.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Bucknell 4, Penn State 2.
Dartmouth 5, Springfield 5.
Harvard 2, Maryland State 6.
Wesleyan 15, Mass. Agric. 6.
Bethany 12, West Virginia 1.

Captain-Elect of Eli Basketballers

Ed Koeley of Bridgeport knocked out Pat McNamany of New York in the second round of a scheduled 12 round bout. The crowd appeared well pleased with the performance of Koeley, who displayed great punching ability.

Sammy Lawson knocked out Max Miller in the third round of the opening bout.

About 2,500 fans witnessed the contests, which were well conducted.

LYNCH TO DEFEND TITLE

Champion Will Box Smith Again on June 8 in Wyoming.

New York, April 21.—Joe Lynch, world's bantamweight champion, confronted with a busy ring campaign, the clever west side boxer has been signed for four bouts by his manager Eddie Mead. In two of the contests Lynch will defend his world's title as a referee's decision. The most important battle will bring him again against Ed Smith, Harlem's aggressive bantamweight. This contest is scheduled for Casper, Wyo., on June 8, and will be for 12 rounds to a decision.

Preceding this event, Lynch is booked for a battle of engagements. The first will be in Providence, R. I., on May 5, when the champion tackles Young Montrose, Providence veteran, in a 12-round bout to a decision. Three days later Lynch is booked for a battle of rounds against Frankie Daly of Staten Island, at Portland, Me. On May 16 he will engage Frankie Genar, American flyweight champion, in a 10-round no-decision contest at Chicago.

One of the players largely responsible for the fine showing of the Blue was J. P. Haas of Kansas City, Mo., who played a sterling game at guard. He has been honored by being elected captain of the Yale basketball team for next year.

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